

APPENDIX 1

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Dear Sirs,

Application No: 6.100.2449.FULMAJ 05/01966/FULMAJ

Proposed Development: ERECTION OF 10 DWELLINGS TO REPLACE EXISTING GARAGES AND STORAGE BUILDINGS. MEADLEY SQUARE, WHITELEYS YARD, KNARESBOROUGH.

Thank you for consulting the Heritage Section upon this application.

The site of proposed development lies within the historic core of Knaresborough, with potential for the survival of remains of medieval and earlier settlement and activity. Knaresborough was an important, defended medieval town, with a castle established in the early 12th century. The line of the town defences is believed to have run along the rear of the properties on this side of the High Street. There is potential, therefore, for the development site to preserve evidence relating to former settlement, industry and trade within the medieval and later town.

In accordance with the guidance of PPG 16 on Archaeology and Planning, a scheme of archaeological evaluation should, therefore, be undertaken to clarify the precise nature and extent of surviving archaeological remains within the application site and thus to assess the archaeological impact of the proposed development. This should comprise a programme of archaeological trial trenching.

This evaluation should be requested in advance of a decision being taken on the current application under Regulation 4 of the Town and Country Planning (Applications) Regulations, 1988. This is in accordance with Policy HD4 of the Harrogate District Local Plan, which advises that applicants should provide detailed archaeological information in support of their application.

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The evaluation results will enable an assessment of the archaeological impact of the development proposals. An informed and reasonable planning decision can then be taken as to whether the development should be permitted. If so, this information will assist in identifying options for minimising, avoiding damage to, and/or recording any archaeological remains.

The Heritage Section does not undertake archaeological work of this nature and the applicant would be advised to commission a professional archaeological contractor to carry out the work. I would be happy to provide a written scheme of investigation for the work and a list of archaeological contractors upon written request.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

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